Oil India Limited is going there to establish its office. It is an urgent matter. So, I request the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, through you, to instruct the concerned officials and the Oil India Limited to immediately dispose off the cases so that the office is immediately shifted and the cultivators get the compensation which is due to them.

[Translation]

SHRI RAM TAHAL CHAUDHARY (Ranchi) : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, I want to draw the attention of the Government towards the national highways of my constituency. Roads are in dilapidated condition and accidents occur frequently and many have lost lives. For example on G.T. road, Ranchi-Tata road, Ranchi-Patna Road, Ranchi-Gumla Road, Chandil-Purulia Road, Ramgarh-Bokaro road, etc. one to three four feet deep pits have come up. These roads are in a very pitiable condition. The work on national highways is not done properly and the roads built afresh could not work for even one month. I would like to draw the attention of the Government towards this problem. In the forest area of our constituency, for example in Ranchi, there are two to four rivers which have no bridges due to which people live in islands for six months all-together. Even an amount of Rs. two-to four crores is not spent there. People live like they were on an island...*(Interruptions)* Thousands of families are affected.

Sir, I would like to quote only the names. The construction of bridges on Silli, Chandel, Bhaya, Barenda and Radhu rivers at Silli, AndonRadhu at Paeeka, and on Kanchi river near Banku is a must one. If bridges are built on these rivers, it would be very beneficial to the farmers. Alongwith this, the condition of village roads is very pitiable, and I want that the Government of India should allocate money for that and get it constructed.

[English]

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : The House stands adjourned for Lunch till Forty Minutes Past Fourteen of the Clock.

13.42 hrs.

The Lok Sabha then adjourned for Lunch till Forty Minutes past Fourteen of the Clock.

14.46 hrs.

The Lok Sabha reassembled after Lunch at forty six Minutes Past-fourteen of the Clock.

(Mr. Deputy Speaker *in the Chair)*

[Translation]

SHRI NITISH KUMAR (Barh) : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, the many people who died in the truck accidents two days back, they all belonged to one village Arai in my constituency. Yesterday, I want there and met the family members affected by it. The death of so many people of one village is first incident in my life. I have not heard like this before. Today that village gives a deserted look. 11 persons have died from one joint family 7 have died from another family and many families are such that nobody is left except crying children. Here and there, one or two women are left. Here it leads to social problem. Through you, we want to attract the attention of the Central Government. State Government has announced to give one lakh of rupees as compensation but there are several such problems about which the Central Government should also think. When such type of incidents take place, what sort of help should be tendered for this. A permanent fund should be established.

The second thing is that in such incidents, bad roads are solely responsible for the mishap. The road has been built many years back. I tried several times to get this road repaired but the road is in dilapidated condition. The driver lost the concentration and the truck went upside down and the accident took place. The pit nearby the road was full of water and people fell into it. The truck which was loaded with metals fell down on the people. Most of them died due to suffocation. Some people were rescued by local efforts. At the time of incident, people gathered from the nearby places. When they narrated the story, it appeared that due to bad condition of the road, this accident took place. The people of this area have been demanding the repair of the road since long there. As a public representative I have been voicing their problem. In villages, roads are built but they are not maintenance properly. The Union Government sanctions money for the construction of roads under it minimum needs programme under head of Employment Gaurantee Scheme and Jawahar Rojgar Yozna, but due to the lack of funds for repairing these remain in damaged condition because once roads are constructed repair work does not carried out regularly. We can not provide money for repairing under the Local Development Scheme, though we can sanction money for the construction of roads. So the funds which are available we should utilise that for repairing of the roads. There should also be a provision for the extension and reparing of the roads in rural areas. I would like to request that keeping in view social responsibility those families which have been displaced due to this incident may be provided help by the Government. A representative of Central Government should go there and take stock of the position and provide help for rehabilitation of victim families whose financial position is very bad. In this hour of crisis this assistance from Central Government will be proved helpful to them. I think the House is agree with my views. I express my grief for the victim families and pray to God give them strength to bear this tragedy.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, I thank you for giving me an opportunity to express my feelings over this incident.